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09/193,482

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Judy Lynn Westby et al. Examiner: Thomas C. Lee
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OVERHEAD

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2000, said period of response being extended from December 26, 2000 to March 26, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required amount of \$890.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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